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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING OF EXPERTS ON "THE CULTURES OF THE CARIBBEAN" TO BE HELD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SEPTEMBER 18-22, 1978

1. GABRIEL GUERRA-MONDRAGON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, WILL ARRIVE IN SANTO DOMINGO ON SEPTEMBER 20 AT 7:55 AM FROM SAN JUAN. HE HAS BEEN INVITED BY UNESCO TO ATTEND THE SUBJECT MEETING IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY. HE IS ARRIVING TWO DAYS AFTER THE MEETING BEGINS SINCE HE HAS IMPORTANT MEETINGS AT THE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19 WHICH HE CANNOT CANCEL.

2. DR. ROY BRYCE LAPORTE, DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON DR. SYLVIA BOONE, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF ART, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, WILL BE ATTENDING THE

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SUBJECT MEETING AS OBSERVERS, INVITED BY THE U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION. AS EXPERTS IN THE FIELD THEY WILL BE ASSISTING GUERRA-MONDRAGON.

3. DR. LAPORTE AND DR. BOONE WILL ARRIVE THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 17. WE DO NOT HAVE THEIR ARRIVAL TIME. HOWEVER,

AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE INFORMATION WE WILL SUPPLY IT, IN ADDITION TO THE PLACE WHERE THE MEETING WILL BE HELD, AGENDA, PARTICIPANTS, ETC.

4. GUERRA-MONDRAON ASKS IF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER COULD ATTEND THE MEETING AND ACCOMPANY DRS. LAPORTE AND BOONE THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MEETING. ONCE HE ARRIVES, HE WILL EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP. IT BASICALLY RELATES TO THE COMMISSION'S AFRICAN DIASPORA PROJECT. GUERRA-MONDRAON WAS IN SANTO DOMINGO EXACTLY A YEAR AGO FOR AN EXPLORATORY TRIP THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA ON THE AFRICAN DIASPORA PROJECT. CHRISTOPHER

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